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### Well Analyzer

Pro-Active

Automated Real-Time Surveillance (ARTS)

Well/Reservoir Evaluation Software Package



VFM/Sudden Water Production in a Deepwater Oil Well

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- Real-Time Pressure Transient Analysis
- Hydrocarbon Volume Determination
- Well(s) Performance Tracking

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- ✓ Optimize Gas Lift / Oil Production Rates
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### **ODSI Well Analyzer**

Digital Operator Support Real-Time Automated System Real-Time Reporting on Well/Field KPI's

# <u>The Well Analyzer RTS Concept</u>: Experienced Surveillance Engineers +

Automation



## Subsea Deepwater Oil Well



3 Separate Frac Packs

- 3 Frac Packed Intervals No Isolation/ICVs
- Well equipped with
  - WHP gauge
  - Downhole gauge
  - Flow meter (MPFM/Boat Anchor)
- The well suddenly started making 4000 STB/D of water
  - The Operator plans a \$130 million intervention program to 'fix' the well; the Partner decided to find the origin of water production first

### • Objective:

- Validate metered rates
- Determine the origins of water production
- Perform Auto PTA and Decline Analysis

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### Provided Data – MPFM Detected Sudden Water Production

Water rate went from 0 to 4000 STB/D in a matter of days; the Operator wanted to perform a \$130 MM intervention to 'fix' the water problem; the Partner wanted to identify the origin of water production first...Why Spend \$130 MM and Shut In a Well Making 15k STBo/D because it 'doesn't match the models'?



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### **Process**



- MPFM rates were QC'd
  - Severe Errors in allocations were detected prior to Sept 2012
- Generally, MPFMs for 2-phase liquid flow are accurate on the total liquid rate measurements, but are likely to be off when it comes to individual oil and water rates (even worse if you start making free gas!)
- The total liquid rate was split into oil and water rates using the pressure drop in the wellbore and fluids' PVT properties
- It quickly became obvious that the MPFM was not calibrated when the well came on-line

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### **Calculated Multiphase Rates Results**





As it turned out, the water production started from the day the well was brought online. The operator's allocations were off up to 6000 BBL/D

- Comparison of the measured (dark blue) vs the calculated (teal) water rates
- The meter was not properly calibrated, and the well was producing water from the day it came online



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### **Calculated Multiphase Rates Results**

- The Final Calculated Oil and Water rates are presented below •
- The water came from a WET 'oil zone' that was added at the last minute because the geophysicist colored the sand green  $\otimes$



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### **Diagnostic Auto-PTA**

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- High perm ~ 500 md
- Skin was getting worse with time
  - From 0 to 14 (screen plugging w/asphaltenes)
- Productivity was getting worse with time (increasing skin)



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### Automated HC Volume: In-place, Connected & Mobile



The well is likely to have very strong water drive, hence

- Total in-place volume is ~ 65 MM STB
- Hydraulically connected to the well volume ~ 30 MM STB
- Mobile (minimum producible) volume ~ 20 MM STB
- Note: It is important to know how big or small your reservoir can be until you know the drive mechanism. WA RTS calculates the connected and mobile HC volumes and stores those values on client's database

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### **Results & Conclusions**



- MPFMs were generally accurate on the total liquid rate, but were off on individual oil and water rates
- Given the pressure drop in the wellbore, the software can split the total liquid rate into its components, providing solutions for:
  - Improperly calibrated flow meters
  - Poor separator testing methods
  - Errors in oil and water allocations
- Once the rate is calculated, WA RTS can perform auto-PTA and HC volume calculations
- Water production started from Day 1, not in Month 4!
- Use the 'thumbs out' rule to find HC pay!
- Don't spend money on a problem you can't fix!

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